

PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT 2

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE NORTH PLATTE NE
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...WINTER WEATHER AWARENESS DAY ACROSS NEBRASKA...

THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE...IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE STATE OF NEBRASKA...HAS DECLARED THURSDAY NOVEMBER 1ST AS WINTER WEATHER AWARENESS DAY. THIS DAY PRESENTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE WINTER WEATHER INFORMATION AND POTENTIALLY LIFE SAVING SAFETY TIPS TO THE PUBLIC. THIS IS THE SECOND IN A SERIES OF THREE PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENTS.

EVERY WINTER PEOPLE BECOME TRAPPED IN VEHICLES DURING A WINTER STORM. BEING STRANDED IN THE OPEN COUNTRY OF NEBRASKA IS DANGEROUS AND COULD BE A LIFE OR DEATH SITUATION. THE BEST WAY TO DEAL WITH BEING STRANDED IS TO BE PREPARED. BEFORE THE WINTER SEASON COMES...MAKE SURE THAT YOUR VEHICLE HAS BEEN WINTERIZED AND IS MECHANICALLY SOUND. IT IS BEST NOT TO TRAVEL DURING WINTER WEATHER...BUT IF TRAVEL IS NECESSARY...PLAN OUT YOUR TRIP AND LET SOMEONE KNOW YOUR TIMETABLE AND THE ROUTE YOU ARE TAKING. BE SURE TO CHECK THE LATEST WEATHER FORECAST BEFORE LEAVING. AVOID TRAVELING ALONE...AND NEVER LET YOUR GAS TANK GET CLOSE TO EMPTY...TO AVOID ICE IN THE TANK AND FUEL LINES. REMEMBER TO MAKE A WINTER WEATHER SURVIVAL KIT TO ALWAYS CARRY IN YOUR VEHICLE.

THIS KIT SHOULD INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS.

- BLANKETS OR SLEEPING BAGS
- EXTRA CLOTHING
- FLASHLIGHT AND EXTRA BATTERIES
- FIRST AID KIT
- HIGH CALORIE AND NON PERISHABLE FOODS
- SMALL CAN AND WATERPROOF MATCHES TO MELT SNOW FOR DRINKING WATER
- WATER CONTAINER
- TOOL KIT AND KNIFE
- BATTERY BOOSTER CABLES
- TOW ROPE
- COMPASS AND ROAD MAPS

IF YOU DO BECOME STRANDED IN YOUR VEHICLE...THE MOST IMPORTANT THING TO DO IS NOT PANIC. ALWAYS STAY IN YOUR VEHICLE...AS YOU CAN BECOME QUICKLY DISORIENTATED IF YOU TRY TO WALK FOR HELP IN THE WIND DRIVEN SNOW AND COLD. RUN THE MOTOR FOR ABOUT TEN MINUTES EVERY HOUR FOR HEAT...BUT BE SURE TO OPEN A WINDOW A BIT TO AVOID CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING. MAKE SURE THE EXHAUST PIPE IS NOT BLOCKED. MAKE YOURSELF VISIBLE TO RESCUERS...TURN ON THE DOME LIGHT AT NIGHT WHEN RUNNING THE MOTOR..TIE A COLORED CLOTH TO THE ANTENNA...AND RAISE YOUR HOOD ONCE THE SNOW HAS STOPPED FALLING. EXERCISE OCCASIONALLY BY VIGOROUSLY MOVING YOUR ARMS...LEGS...FINGERS...AND TOES...TO HELP BLOOD CIRCULATE AND TO KEEP WARM.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT WINTER WEATHER AWARENESS DAY...VISIT
[HTTP://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/NORTHPLATTE](http://www.weather.gov/northplatte). LOOK UNDER THE TOP NEWS OF THE DAY.

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